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SUBJ: VISIT OF BULGARIAN VICE FONMIN TO THE NETHERLANDS

1. AT MARCH 26 POLADS, NETHERLANDS REP (DE RYCK) REPORTED ON THE MARCH 19-20 VISIT TO THE HAGUE OF BULGARIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE FONMIN PETROV. DURING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, THE BULGARIANS PRESENTED DRAFT TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS CALLING FOR THE ABOLITION OF VISAS, MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL DIPLOMAS, AN AGREEMENT ON SANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND A TRADE AGREEMENT. THE BULGARIANS ALSO WANTED ANEW CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. THE NETHERLANDS REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES NOTED THE BULGARIAN DRAFTS WITHOUT COMMITMENT; HE DID NOT PERSONALLY THINK THE HAGUE WOULD AGREE WITH THE BULGARIAN PROPOSAL ON THE ABOLITION OF VISAS.

2. TURNING TO MULTILATERAL RELATIONS, PETROV DEEMED IT UNLIKELY THAT THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES WOULD MEET BEFORE OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER 1975, DUE TO THE NEED TO FIRST WRAP UP CSCE. PETROV HAD NOTHING NEW TO OFFER ON CSCE OR MBFR.
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3. NETHERLANDS REP REPORTED THAT PETROV HAD SUMMARIZED BULGARIA'S RELATIONS WITH IT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AS "GOOD". THE ONLY PROBLEM THE BULGARIANS HAVE WITH YUGOSLAVIA IS BELGRADE'S ALLEGATION THAT THERE IS A LARGE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

PETROV DENIED THIS, SAYING THAT DURING RECENT, MORE CORRECT CENSUSES, ONLY SOME "TENS OF THOUSANDS" OF BULGARIAN REGISTERED AS MACEDONIANS. PETROV SAID THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THE BULGARIAN CONSTITUTION DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF NATIONAL MINORITIES. PETROV SAID BULGARIA HAS ONLY CULTURAL AND TRADE TIES WITH ALBANIA, BUT VIRTUALLY NO POLITICAL CONTACTS. ASKED BY INTERLOCUTORS IN THE HAGUE WHETHER IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE TO ONCE AGAIN INVITE ALBANIA TO PARTICIPATE IN CSCE, PETROV RESPONDED THAT HE WAS SURE TIRANA WOULD NOT ACCEPT. PEREZ

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